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Dear Russ,

Between the phlebitis which lingers with no reduction in swellings, the need to get more sleep and the wrapping of packages of the new book I've not been able to respond to your letter sooner.

I'd appeal on the basis of unnecessary screening, that they have masked the names of people obviously known to you, which does not involve questions of privacy, and believe they are using this as an excuse to deny you information to which you are entitled under the law.

I would also invoke the Privacy act, as you should have to begin with because they can't charge search fees under it.

I'd make the same request to the FBI, under both Acts, so they can't charge you the search fees.

What you sent included nothing from the FBI.

Despite the many handicaps I'm kaking progress with my own efforts. I've only recently filed with the FBI because I wanted to get stuff on the track with the CIA first. They have yet to acknolwedge what you know I have, so it is more important not to make any mention of it. They have already made me a first-rate record in court. But experience tells me you can't go into court with too good a record so when I can I'll be perfecting it with them. So, anything else you can send on or from RTV can be quite helpful.

If it is not easy to be patient, experience teaches me that it never fails to pay. I have "lost" some suits but I've won each and every one to day. I've just shaken loose so exculpatory King assassination stuff, with the immediate problem of forestalling misuse by the major media. I'm arranging for a press conference to release it in context. In this case, to illustrate the point, I've not only gotten great stuff but proof that they are still withholding (parallel with CIA exact). I could have filed against CIA 11 months ago but I haven't. I'm not ready yet. I've more of a record to build. Each time the lie they help me that much more. So, please bet patient with what you have and if you find more please send. Meanwhile, my lawyer, who sees the unusual potential with me, much greater than with a peacenik (I got that part from CIA on me, though), is keeping his eye open for other counsel to help. We'll have a big case in the end.

Tou do not say anything about the Army. It is not possible that with your anti-draft activity in the Army they don't have a file on you. Invoke both acts with them if you haven't.

Hope this helps. Times pressures are great. I'm way behind in everything.

Best,